



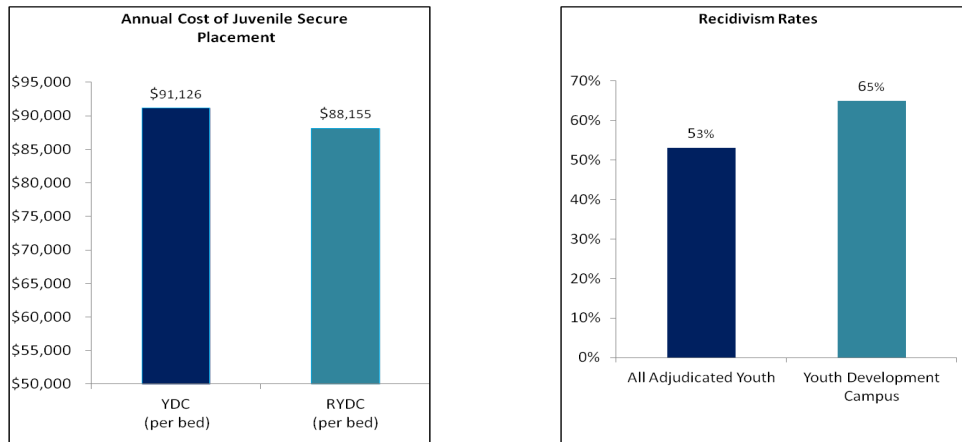
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

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Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

Nearly 2/3 of the Department of Juvenile Justice's (DJJ) budget is used to operate out-of-home placement facilities, which are high cost and yield a low return on Georgia's investment in our youth. Of the juveniles placed in out-of-home placement, 25% are adjudicated for misdemeanor or status offenses. Governor Nathan Deal's Special Council on Criminal Justice for Georgians found that the crux of this matter is due to the lack of available community programs for juvenile judges to utilize to support these youth in lieu of state placement in out-of-home facilities. To combat this issue, Governor Deal and the General Assembly appropriated \$5 million to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to establish the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant. This grant will support local evidence-based programs, providing more programming to Georgia's youth and reducing the number of commitments to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

High Costs, Low Returns for Georgia's Youth



Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Purpose and Program Design:

- Implement evidence-based programs that will effectively reduce the number of felony commitments to DJJ and STP, targeting youth who would otherwise be committed to DJJ facilities.
- Provide a financial incentive for communities to establish a continuum of community-based services for youth that will reduce recidivism and increase public safety, while promoting a positive relationship between youth, families and the community.

Goals for the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant:

- Reduce felony commitments to DJJ and STP; reducing the annual secure detention and confinement rate within the county.
- Increase the use of evidence-based practices in Georgia's juvenile justice system.
- Reduce recidivism of Georgia's youth and increase public safety.
- Demonstrate cost-savings through research-informed services to youth in the juvenile justice system.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a public government entity with county commissions/boards applying on behalf of the local juvenile court.
- Applicant must serve as fiscal agent and adhere to CJCC financial policies.
- Highest priority will be given to applications that specifically formulate strategies that address reducing the applicant's county annual felony commitment rate to the DJJ and Short Term Placement sentences.
- High priority will be given to counties who commit the highest numbers of juveniles to DJJ. County specific data can be found here: <http://juveniledata.georgia.gov/RgpReports.aspx?report=2012DataTargets>



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Application Information:

- RFP Released April 15, 2013, Due June 21, 2013. Application can be found: <http://cjcc.georgia.gov/funding-opportunities>.
- Award Period: July 22, 2013—June 30, 2014.
- Maximum Award: \$500,000

Funding Decisions: Funding decisions will be determined by the Juvenile Justice Incentive Funding Committee. Appointee information and the text of the Executive Order can be found here: http://gov.georgia.gov/sites/gov.georgia.gov/files/related_files/document/04.16.13.02.pdf.

Program Requirements:

Notice of Implementation: *This notice must be submitted within 60 days of the grant award.*

Planning Period: *To allow for successful integration of evidence-based services into court operations, CJCC is allowing a 2-month planning period for each local project.*

Quarterly Progress Reports:

- *Must be submitted within 10 days after each quarter. Payments will not be processed until programmatic reports have been received.*
- *Success will be defined by the following:*
 - *20% reduction in rate of annual felony commitments to DJJ and STP.*
 - *An increase in number of evidence-based services and programs.*
 - *20% reduction in the annual secure confinement rate. Projects will also demonstrate a reduction in annual secure detention.*
 - *75% of its youth participants complete the program requirements.*
 - *Report a reduced recidivism rate.*

Reporting Requirements:

Finance

- *The grant is a reimbursement-based. CJCC may award an initial payment for the first quarter of the grant to allow counties to properly fund planning efforts and start-up costs. After the initial payment, the grant will continue on a reimbursement only basis.*
- *If awarded funds, your county will be required to submit check stubs and invoices to CJCC for reimbursement on a monthly or quarterly basis.*

Technical Assistance:

- *Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the Annie E. Casey Foundation will be hosting a series of technical assistance workshops to aid jurisdictions in analyzing data and brainstorming evidence-based policy solutions targeting felony youth.*
- *CJCC will host webinars and technical assistance workshops to aid grantees' navigation through the grant process and the financial and programmatic reporting requirements.*

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